

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

An Agreeable
Agreement

OBSCURED by the welter of cabled speculations about the forthcoming Big Four "summit" conference, the brief and not very informative reports of the agreement between South Africa and Britain for the transfer of the Simonstown naval base have probably escaped public attention.

To the Western world, however, the agreement is of first importance. The overriding factor is that the transfer maintains, indeed strengthens, the strategic position of the Commonwealth in a vital area.

Governing the agreement is the mutual recognition that South Africa must be defended from aggression. It is, therefore, especially significant that the South African government undertakes to provide military and air forces for use against aggression from outside the territory of South Africa. Nor is this all. The South African Navy is to be expanded as a contribution to forces available for controlling the sea, with concentration on anti-submarine frigates, minesweepers and other defence craft.

In view of this development of naval power it is natural that South Africa should desire to have its own base in the same way that other members of the Commonwealth have theirs. Nevertheless, in agreeing to the transfer, the British government has obtained an acceptable quid pro quo. Firm guarantees have been given to safeguard Britain's position. The Royal Navy will continue to have the use of the base both in peace and war, even in the event of a war in which South Africa is not involved. And the concession applies also in war to ships of Britain's allies.

Other advantages are also evident. For example, on transfer of the base, the present Commander-in-Chief South Atlantic, an officer of the Royal Navy, will become Commander-in-Chief of a strategical zone—a post comparable to a NATO command. Moreover, in peacetime he will guide the planning and organisation of the South African Navy and in a time of war will become supreme naval commander of the area with operational control of South African and other allied ships assigned to him.

TWO other features of the agreement can also be regarded with satisfaction. A joint planning committee for maritime war is to be set up and the way left open for the association of other governments in defence of the zone. This means that France, Belgium and Portugal, who are directly concerned with the security of Africa, can, if they so desire, become active partners in a consolidated defence scheme.

Provision is also made in the transfer agreement for British work people and technicians at present employed at the Simonstown base to be gradually replaced by South Africans, who will first be sent to Britain for training. But—and here is a surprising and welcome concession by the South African government—there will be no bar to recruitment of non-Europeans and no discrimination against them either in rates of pay or in security of their employment.

It is difficult to imagine a more agreeable agreement, than that which has been reached over Simonstown, and if it is to be the guide for future relations between the two countries there need be little fear of a secession of South Africa from the British Commonwealth.

HONGKONG'S SQUATTERS

Samurai Sword Slaying US Marine Convicted

Tacoma, July 13. A 29-year-old decorated Marine veteran of two Jims, Harvey J. Collins, was convicted on Tuesday night of the "Samurai sword" slaying of an elderly motel operator during a holdup attempt near here four months ago.

The jury, which deliberated 20 hours, decreed death by hanging.

Andrew Stolen, 74, was fatally hacked and his elderly wife critically injured in the attack last March 21.

Collins, who brought the weapon back as a war souvenir, pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. He contended his act, as well as two previous slayings of the past two years, were the result of battle neurosis. Collins was said also to have confessed killing Mrs Edna Jones Hall, 37, of Louisville, Kentucky, and service station operator Edward Morley in a holdup near here on February 7.

He reportedly confessed that while he was an Army Captain stalled near Fort Knox, Kentucky, he accompanied Mrs Hall home from a roadside. When she resisted his advances, he beat her to death and buried her body.—Associated Press.

Sub-Editor Sacked For Refusing To Answer Questions

Washington, July 13. A New York Times sub-editor was dismissed by his newspaper today a few hours after he had refused to tell a Senate internal security subcommittee whether or not he had ever been a Communist.

The sub-editor, Melvin A. Barnett, swore that he had not been a Communist for more than ten years.

Youths Incited By Priest

Nicosia, July 13. Six students under 15 years of age and a priest appeared in court at Famagusta today on charges of tearing down the Union Jack.

The priest, Pappanicos Hafalambos, was accused of inciting the youths. His case was postponed to October 21 and he was released on bail.

In Nicosia, demonstrators paraded the streets, shouting in a non-violent protest against building British bases on Cyprus and against the tripartite talks on the Cyprus situation in London. Police stood by but did not stop the demonstration.

Maria Condoloda, 37, of Armidale appeared in court at Famagusta on charges of possessing 100 rounds of Bren gun ammunition, three fuses, 34 sticks of dynamite and three detonators. Her bail was fixed at £100 and her case was postponed to August 11. Defence council insisted that Nicosia police had mistreated her.—United Press.

FOREST FIRE

Nicosia, July 13. A large forest fire broke out in the area of the north Cyprus mountain range tonight. Officials estimated it was raging through an area one and a half miles across. Its cause was unknown.

Fire-fighters were rushed to the area called Casilla from all over the island. The blaze was reported to be spreading fast tonight.

Police said that at about the time the fire began, shots were fired from a car in a police station, exercised clemency in favour of 34 people arrested for political reasons.

Three of these were Moroccan Nationalist leaders from whom the Soviet policy to bring into play the latest technological processes, including automation, radio, television, radio, telephone and electronics. The latest

Latest Figures Given House Of Commons BUILDING PROGRAMME

London, July 13. The Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, told a questioner in the House of Commons today a rough estimate of the number of squatters now in Hongkong was 120,000.

He was replying to Mr Reginald Sorensen, Labour, who had asked what was now the estimated squatter population of Hongkong; what was the estimated number of new arrivals in the period January to March; how many housing units had been provided in the past five years and how many were in the course of construction, and what was the total cost involved in the task of providing proper accommodation for the squatters.

In a written reply Mr Lennox-Boyd said: A rough estimate of the number of squatters now in Hongkong is 120,000. Separate figures are not kept for persons returning to Hongkong and those arriving for the first time but in all some 149,000 arrived in the period January to March.

During the same period 153,000 persons left the Colony.

A total of 27,000 homes have been provided in the past five years and approval has been given for building another 12,500, nearly all of which should be finished by about May 1956.

Capital expenditure so far incurred or planned is about HK\$50 million. In addition there is heavy recurrent expenditure.—Reuter.

Naval Rating Found Guilty

Portsmouth, July 13. A seaman in the Royal Navy submarine service, Able Seaman Michael Ronald Andrews, was found guilty at a court martial of a charge regarding security regulations. He was sentenced to three months' detention.

Andrews had been charged under the Naval Discipline Act for failing to heed a warning that he should not reveal certain information which had come to him in the performance of his duties. The court was cleared.

"In the interests of the defense of the realm" when the brief trial began in the low-beamed wooden wardroom of the historic British warship Victory, flagship of Lord Nelson at the battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

It was opened 2½ hours later for the verdict and then closed again while the defense made a plea of mitigation before a sentence was passed.—China Mail Special.

Ministers Criticised By Bulganin

Moscow, July 13. Soviet ministers were criticised by Premier Bulganin for failure to press forward with the most advanced industrial techniques—automation, electrification and the use of atomic energy—in a report to the Communist Party Central Committee, it was disclosed tonight.

Marshal Bulganin announced that the fifth five-year plan for industrial production was fulfilled in four years four months by last May, according to Tass, the Soviet news agency.

But the report, which was adopted, said the level of mechanisation and automation in industry, transport and building was not yet high enough. The main reason was insufficient direction from ministers. Lack of ministerial control over research station was also blamed.

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Helicopter Crashes On Rooftop

New York, July 13.

A helicopter crashed and exploded on the edge of its rooftop heliport in congested Lower Manhattan today, injuring its two occupants and showering flaming wreckage on streets clogged with traffic and pedestrians 16 floors below.

Police blamed the accident on the fact that an auxiliary power generator was not detached from the helicopter before it took off on a scheduled photographic mission over Staten Island.

The Bell 47-G helicopter rose to the length of the cable connecting it to the generator and then was snapped back to the rooftop, where it smashed and burned, the police said.

The sound of the crash was heard over a wide area and immediately raised fears of disasters like those in 1946 when planes crashed into the Empire State building and another skyscraper.

FLUTTERED LIKE BIRD

The Port of New York Authority helicopter cracked up on top of the 10-story Port Authority building at Ninth Avenue and 16th Street. It suddenly fluttered like a wounded bird and smashed into the edge of the roof.

The aircraft narrowly missed crashing into the 15th floor, where a number of persons were at work. The engine ripped loose and fell. A piece of wing crashed through a window on that floor, leaving a scarred desk as the only damage. Flaming gasoline streamed down the side of the building. The police now picked up bits of wreckage over a one-block area.

No one on the street was injured.

BADLY INJURED

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New Yorkers recalled the crash of a US Army C-46 into the Empire State building, in which 13 persons were killed and 140 injured.

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A Careless Burglar

Darwin, July 13. Darwin police are seeking a man named as Australia's "dumbest burglar" after a robbery here.

No cut a hole in a corrugated iron wall of a main street store with tinsuls, reached through, opened the door and walked into the shop.

He attacked an unlocked cash register with a screwdriver and a Jenny, and missed £440 (£32) for the taking had he merely turned the drawer handle.

He then rummaged through a metal cupboard, took a small glass jar containing £2 Az (£1 12s sterling) in silver, but left among the discs on the floor a cigarette holder in £180 (£120 sterling) in notes.—China Mail Special.

For Geneva Talks...

West See Eye To Eye

Washington, July 13. Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, left here tonight by air for Paris after a last-minute talk with President Eisenhower about next week's Big Four conference.

Mr Dulles, who was accompanied by top advisers, said in a prepared statement that he did not expect great decisions of substance to be taken by the heads of government.

He said the Western allies "see eye to eye" on matters likely to come up at Geneva. But the conference "will be a beginning and not an end."

"It is not to be expected that great decisions of substance will be made there," Mr Dulles said.

"What is to be hoped is that the Geneva conference will implement our unceasing quest for a secure and just peace and breathe a new spirit into the future efforts needed to achieve that result."

NATO COUNCIL MEETING

Mr Dulles will confer with Mr Harold Macmillan, the British Foreign Minister, and M. Antoine Pinay, French Foreign Minister, in Paris tomorrow and Friday.

They will receive a report from the preparatory working group which has been busy in Paris for the past week.

On Saturday the Western Big Three Ministers will attend a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Council.

Mr Dulles observed: "That organisation is much interested in some of the problems which may come up at Geneva, particularly in relation to the Federal Republic of Germany, which is now a member of NATO."—Reuter.

Peron Must Go Campaign

Santiago, July 13.

The rebellious Argentine Navy still is insisting on the removal of President Juan D. Peron and is demanding that he be sent aboard ship and sent out of Argentina, reports here from Buenos Aires said today.

The reports were unofficial but came from persons in close touch with the situation in Argentina as it has developed since the bloody but apparently short-lived July 10 revolution.

These reports said that the Army also favours eliminating the Peron influence but that it wished to do so gradually.

The Army is said to believe that such a policy will prevent confusion and disorder which might result were President Peron removed now.—United Press.

6 Outlaws Slain

Batna, Algeria, July 14. Six outlaws were killed yesterday in the region of Batna, in the mountainous Aures district of Algeria, by commandos who lost one of their men killed in the attack.

Shipping Disaster: Freighter Sinks; 19 Missing

Port of Spain, July 13. Nineteen persons are missing, one is dead and 22 survivors are accounted for in the sinking of the British freighter Geologist following a collision off Trinidad with the bauxite carrier Sun Princess, officials said on Wednesday.

Five of those missing are Europeans, they said.

The Geologist — with a gaping hole in her No. 4 hatch — sank in five minutes.

The missing men were believed to be trapped in their cabins.

The Sun Princess, which left here only a few hours before the collision, was bound for Canada. Her crew picked up survivors — a task made doubly difficult because of the heavy coating of oil left by the sunken Geologist.

Survivors include:

Captain Albert Jackson, Chief Officer Jones, Captain Wills, Chief Engineer Munro, Second Engineer Murphy, Fourth Engineer Gregory, Assistant Purser Walker, Radio Officer Gordon, Chief Steward Garret, and Second Steward Orville Rivera.

Captain Jackson and Second Steward were taken to a hospital.

Only Tuesday, while en route to Trinidad, 25 Barbadians were signed on the Geologist's crew at Bridgeton.

The explosion killed four persons, two of whom were Soviet soldiers, and seriously injured three others, all Australians, who were taken to the Krems hospital.

The truck and its trailer were part of a Soviet convoy which was going through the commune at top speed. The truck hit a passerby, ran into a house and overturned its trailer, causing a series of explosions. There was considerable damage, including the destruction of roofs and windows in nearby houses.

Soviet soldiers from the convoy brought aid to the injured. Engineers cleared away the debris, and Austrian police diverted the village traffic.—France-Press.

Munitions Truck Explodes

Vienna, July 13.

A road accident was the cause of the explosion of a Soviet munitions truck about noon today in Furth, Krems, Soviet zone of Austria, the initial inquiry revealed.

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Only one dead body was recovered. It wore a life jacket.

Rupert Agard of Barbados, a 19-year-old deckboy who had signed aboard the freighter Geologist on Tuesday, was one of the first survivors questioned after being brought to the "flying angel" rest home for distressed seamen here.

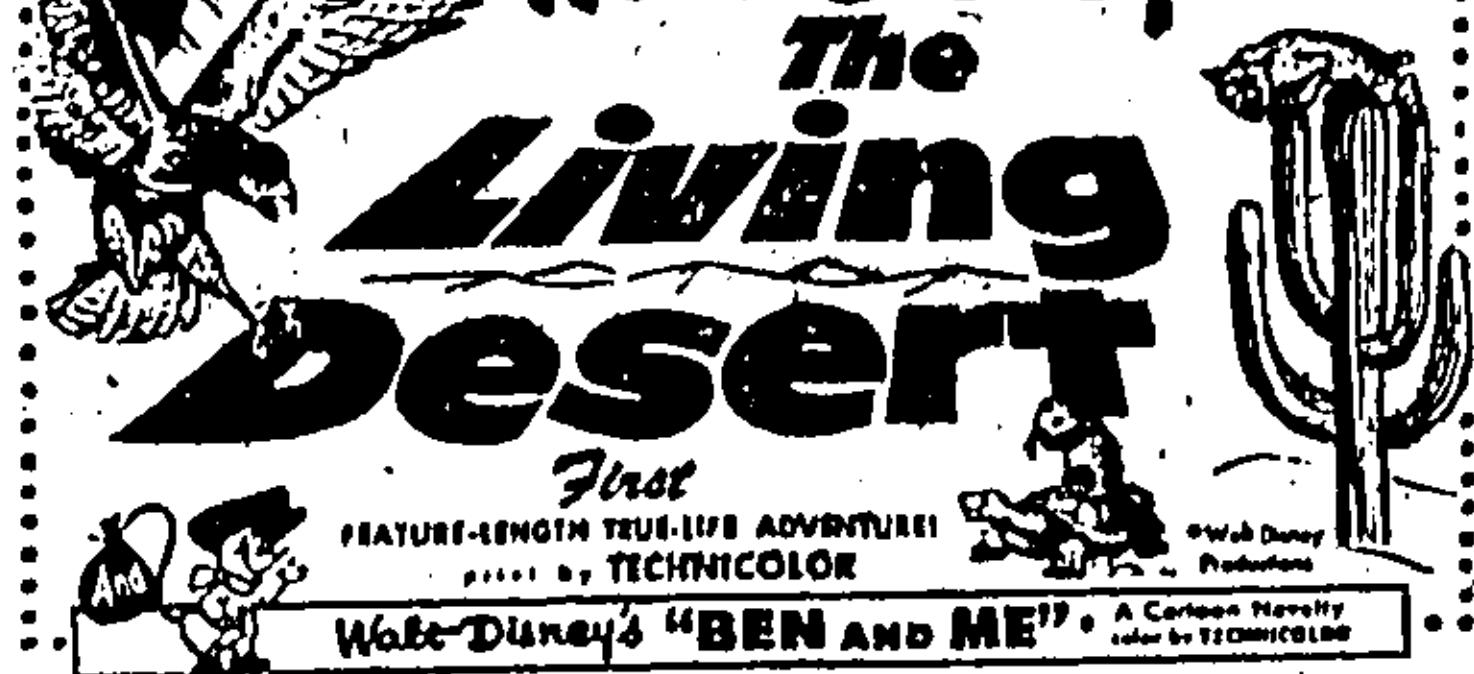
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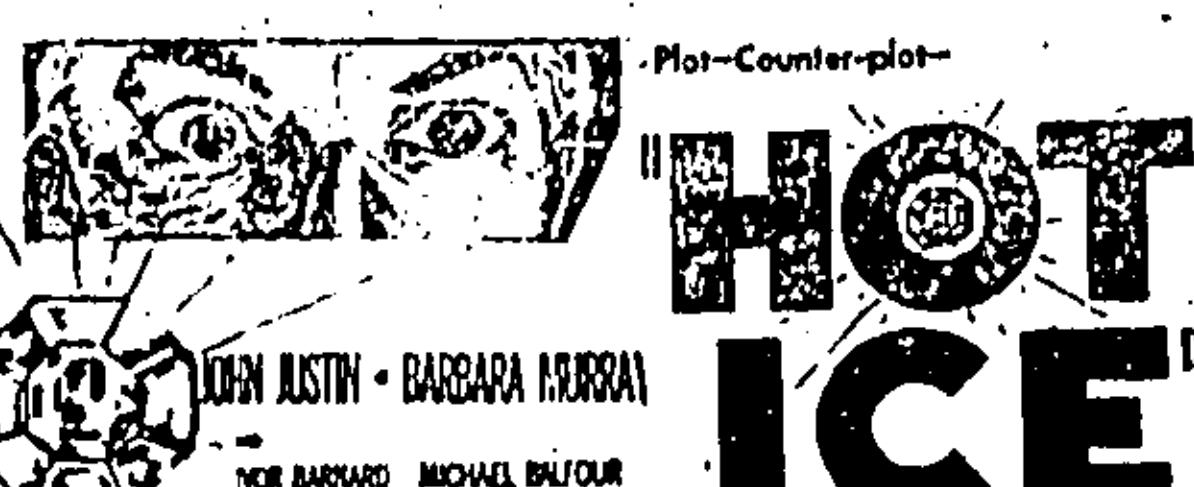
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Monopolies
Report

London July 13.
The British Government today rejected the proposal of a Commission of Inquiry on monopolies that it should impose a general legal ban on all restrictive agreements and price-fixing, making them criminal offences.

But it sided with another suggestion by the Commission that there should be compulsory registration and publication of restrictive practices which would have to be justified before a special tribunal.

The Government's "compromise" voiced by Mr Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade, in the House of Commons, is likely to quell a revolt of conservative back-benchers which was threatened if the tougher line had been taken.

report proposals and to have all practices registered.

The Opposition amendment was defeated by 310 votes to 255—a Government majority of 61.

The Government motion was then agreed to without a further vote.

Mr Herbert Morrison, deputy Labour leader, said his Party firmly suspected that the Government meant to take no effective action. The House should accept the majority report, he said.

ACCEPTED PARTS

Sir Reginald Malmesbury Buller, the Attorney-General, said the Government had accepted parts of both reports.

It was not intended to stop registration as recommended by the minority report—but to bring those practices which appeared bad before some tribunal.—Reuter.

The majority of seven recommended a general prohibition of restrictive practices, with provision for special exceptions.

The minority of three proposed for compulsory registration and publication, with subsequent prohibition of those found after investigation to be against public interest.

Mr Thorneycroft said the Government will require restrictive practices to be specified from time to time—registered and published so that all may know about them.

Any such practice will have to be justified before a specially set up tribunal. This is what the minority report proposed.

But the Minister said the minority report did not go "anything like far enough."

As for the majority report, Mr Thorneycroft said he detected in it "a certain colour of criminality" and in certain paragraphs the creation of a new range of criminal offences.

He believed they could get through the "tangle of arguments" about these problems with rather less emphasis on the criminal code.

LABOUR SPEAKER
Mr Harold Wilson, chief Labour speaker, contended amid Conservative cries of "monopoly" that Mr Thorneycroft had rejected the Commission's report.

Restrictive practices could continue indefinitely until the tribunal examined each case, he said.

Mr Wilson said he did not think registration alone would do anything.

Mr Wilson said many businessmen in their trade associations devoted their ingenuity to detailed planning of large sections of industry with a degree of thoroughness far transcending most of the wartime controls.

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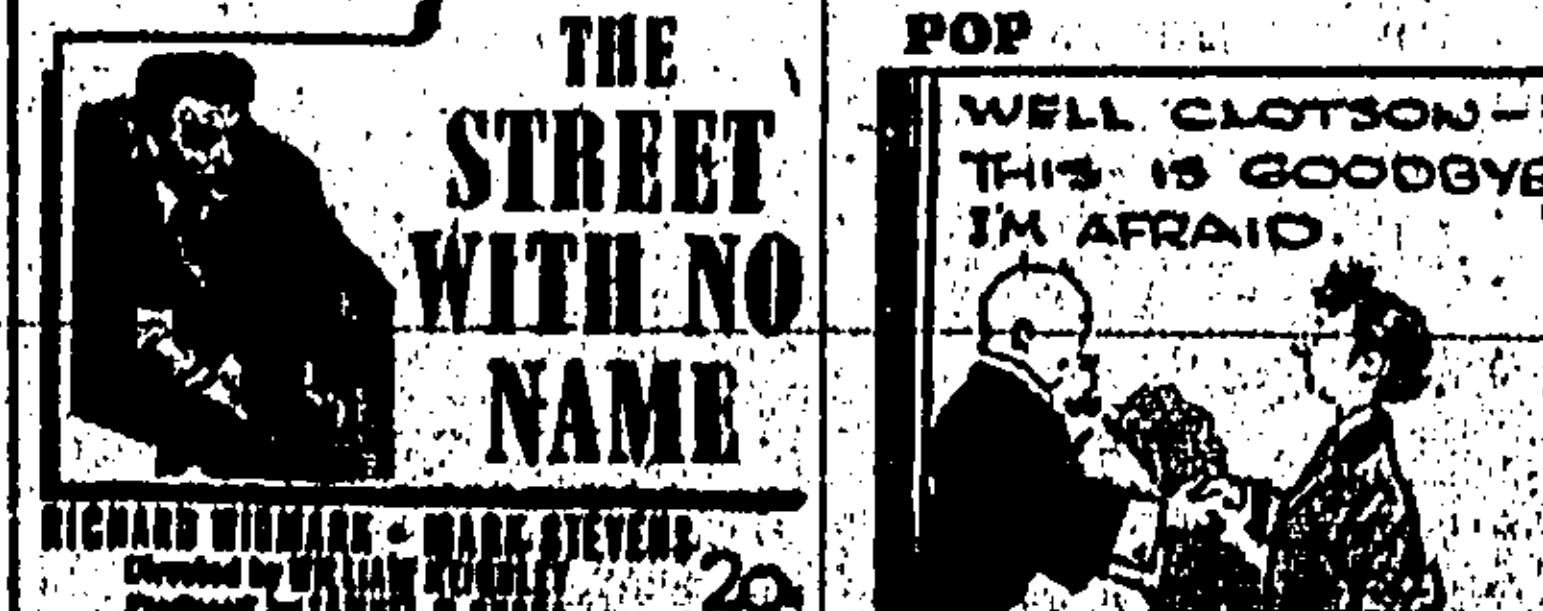
London, July 13.
A broken axle caused the derailment of the leading coach of the west-bound London transport train just outside the Ealing-Broadway terminus today.

No one was injured and nearly 160 passengers walked from the train along the track to the platform.—China Mail Special.

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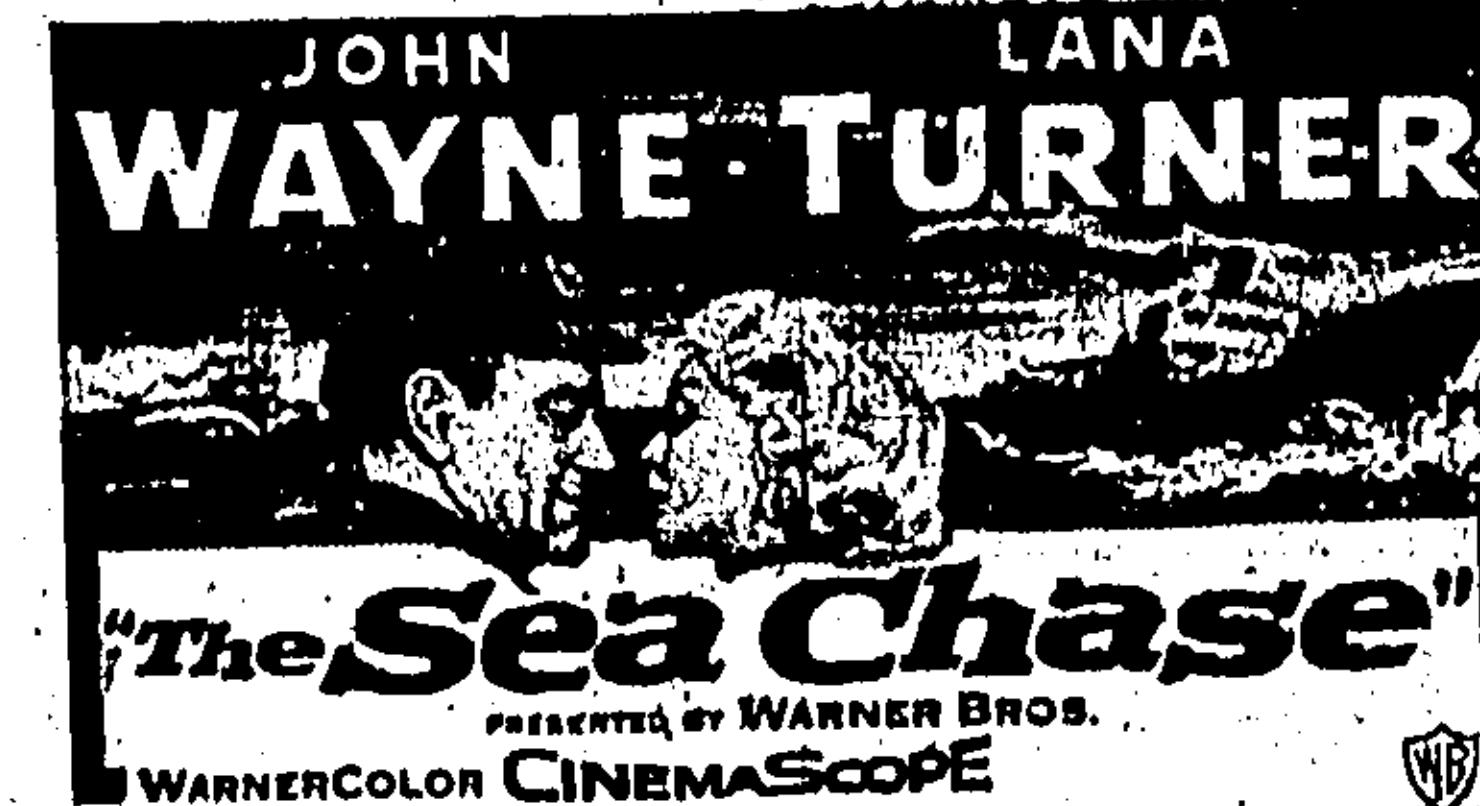
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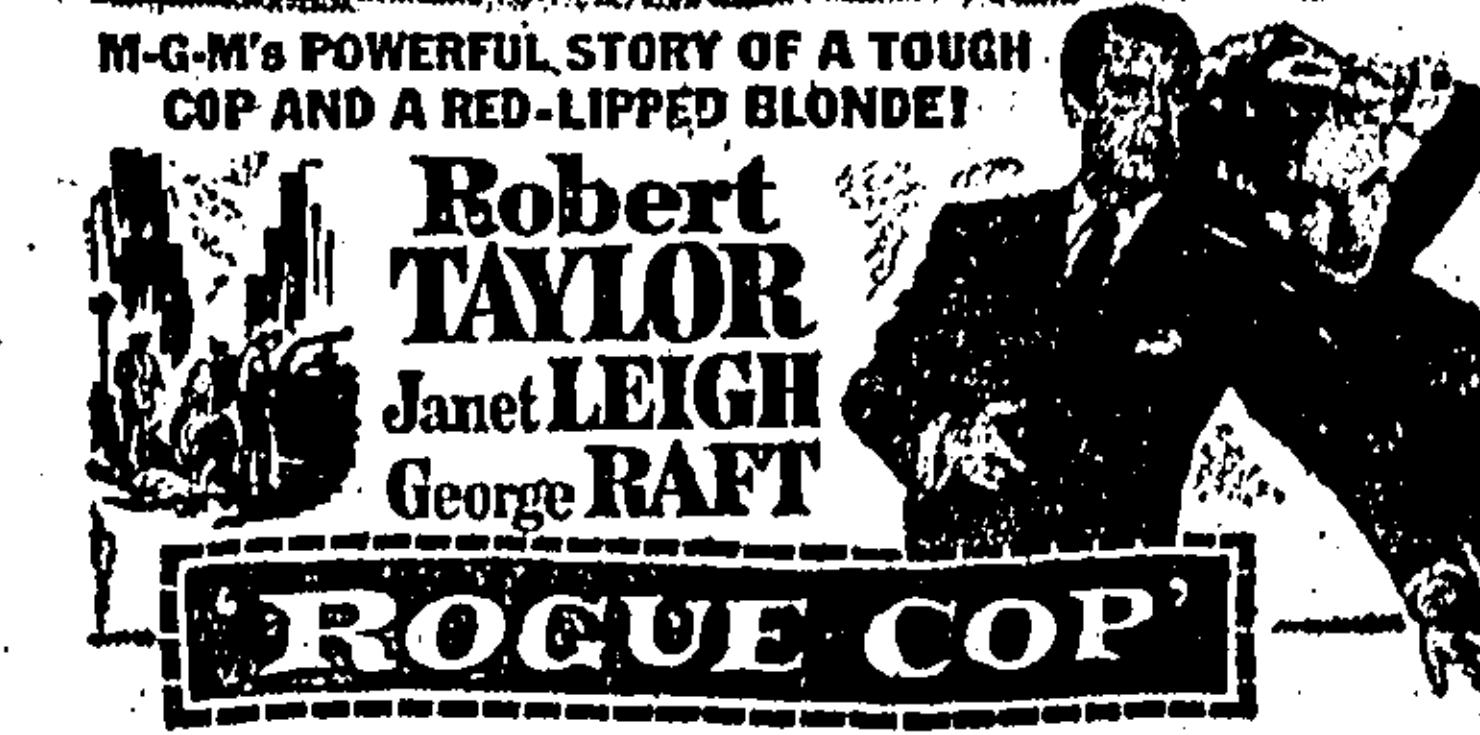
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KIEL, Germany July 13.
The Mayor and two citizens of the small East German town of Anklam, on the Baltic, arrived here tonight after fleeing in a yacht.

The Mayor, whose name was not immediately available, said they set sail from the Pomeranian coast near Anklam (population about 15,000), pretending they were off for a holiday trip. They reached a Danish port and a German vessel gave them a tow to Kiel.

The Mayor said he had not felt safe in East Germany any more as he was carrying out his duties as Mayor, "too humanly."

—Chin Mail Special.

The "Angel" Leaves The Service

Saigon, July 13.

The "Angel of Dien Bien Phu" flew from Indo-China to Paris for the last time today as an Air Force nurse.

On Friday, Lt Genevieve de Gallard-Terraube will doff the uniform she has worn with such honour and resume her civilian status. Her two-year enlistment with the French Air Force will be up.

The dark-haired, blue-eyed nurse hopes to set up a re-education centre for paraplegics in Paris after her discharge.

But before she does, she plans a trip to the United States to study the latest methods in the treatment of the paralysed, her associates say.

It was in sharp contrast to her trip a year ago. Then France was still shattered by the crushing defeat at Dien Bien Phu. Premier Joseph Laniel's Government had fallen

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ZHUKOV NOT IN PRESIDIUM



Powerful Army Group Still In Background

By W. A. Ryser

London, July 13.

The most striking feature of the new reshuffle in the Kremlin is that Marshal Georgi Zhukov has not been appointed a member of the Party Praesidium, Soviet experts said here today.

The two new members of the body that runs Russia are trusted and prominent professional party organisers.

They are Mr Mikhail A. Suslov and Mr A. Kirichenko. They raise the number of the Praesidium members from nine to 11. Both prominent supporters of the Party group led by the Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Foreign Minister, Mr V. M. Molotov, and the Party's First Secretary, Mr Nikita Khrushchev, the group which is now in power.

MOST INFLUENTIAL

Mr Suslov was until now the most influential Central Committee Secretary after Mr Khrushchev. Presumably, he retains his job in the Secretariat in addition to his new one.

As one of the oldest secretaries, Mr Suslov was for many years the overlord of Party propaganda and the supervisor of foreign Communist parties.

He failed Mr Andrei Zhdanov and Mr Molotov set up the Cominform in 1947.

Mr Kirichenko was until now the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Ukraine—the post Mr Khrushchev held until 1950.

The First Secretary of the Ukraine is traditionally a member of the Politburo or the Party Praesidium as it is now called.

The appointment of three new Secretaries has doubled the size of the Secretariat of the Central Committee, after one of its most prominent members, Mr N. N. Shatkin, had been quietly dropped three months ago.

Of the new Secretaries who will work under Mr Khrushchev the most interesting is Mr Dimitri T. Shepilov, the Editor of Pravda, who once worked under Mr Suslov in the Propaganda Department of the Central Committee.

He has recently acquired considerable influence and is likely to take over the entire propaganda machine of the Party.

The two remaining new Secretaries, Mr A. B. Aristov and Mr N. I. Belyayev, were until now Secretaries of Provincial Party organisations, respectively in the Far East and in East Kazakhstan. The fact that the Central Committee has

Journalists on the evening newspapers, the Sun and the Daily Mirror, and spread to the other newspapers when the management decided to produce a composite.

Journalists on the evening newspapers, the Sun and the Daily Mirror, who refused to help with the composite newspaper, were sacked. The Australian Journalists Association on Sunday told its members to stop work if asked to produce a composite.

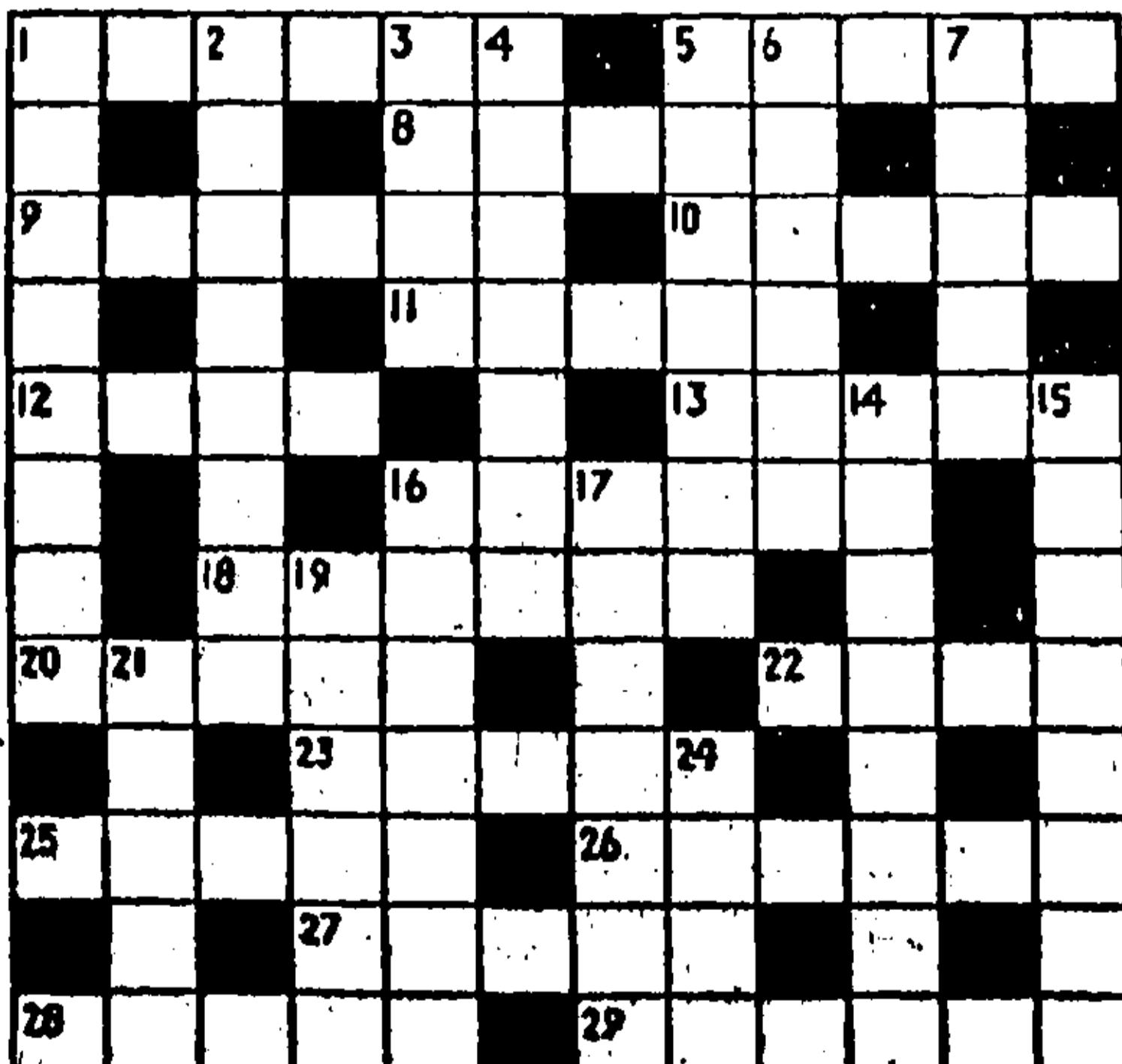
Yesterday more than 600 members decided not to return to work but to begin producing their own newspaper.—Reuter

Soldier Drowned

Hereford, July 13. Private Edward Gould, 20, of Cardiff was drowned while bathing with other soldiers in the River Wye at Hereford.

Gould, stationed at Hereford, swam out to mid-river opposite Bishop's Palace and disappeared.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Get back (6).
- Month (5).
- Slip (5).
- Domesticating (6).
- County (5).
- Condition (6).
- Nobleman (4).
- Got up (6).
- Hazarded (6).
- Lissom (6).
- Rapidity (5).
- Naughty children (4).
- Drain (5).
- Force Open (6).
- Merited (6).
- Radiates (5).
- False gods (5).
- Convulsive fits (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Fair, 7 Savoy, 8, 9 Bink, 10 Central, 12 Epic, 15 Order, 19 Out, 19 Atom, 21 Inure, 22 Aver, 23 Dines, 26 Date, 28 Dancer, 30 Crown, 31 Come, 32 Inter, 32 Rose, Down: 1 Haven, 2 Calicut, 4 Avail, 5 Rock, 6 Key, 9 Rose, 11 Eared, 18 Foot, 14 Crown, 16 Haven, 17 Line, 18 Curt, 20 Resigne, 22 Chevy, 24 India, 25 Melde, 27 Atom, 28 Rose.

DOWN

- Withdraws (8).
- Consist of (8).
- Vases (4).
- Plait of hair (7).
- Error (7).
- Stick to (6).
- Heals (5).
- Blits and pieces (8).
- Incidents (8).
- Ransoms (7).
- Thoroughfares (7).
- Ship (6):
- Trimmed (5).
- Grade (4).

Moscow, July 13.

THE Soviet Government has agreed to pay partial damages to the widow of a Belgian radio operator who was killed when Soviet planes fired on a Sabena Airlines Belgian commercial plane near the Austro-Yugoslav frontier last June 3. It was announced here today.

The USSR has agreed to pay 500,000 Belgian francs (about \$10,000) to the widow of Jeanne Chauvin. Two other persons were killed during the raid.

Russia To Pay Compensation

To Belgian Widow

When negotiations between the Belgian and Soviet representatives began, the Soviet Government rejected the Belgian protest and claimed damages. Last June 9, Valeri Zolotov, Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister, summoned Belgian Embassy Secretary Georges de Gontaut Hurst, and negotiations were resumed, ending in the agreement announced today.

The Belgian ambassador, received the Soviet note on behalf of the Belgian State, and

authoritative circles here pointed out that the Soviet Union agreed to the principle of paying damages prior to solution of the question of responsibility when Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov told US Secretary of State Mr. John Foster Dulles, the USSR was willing to do that. But the Soviets are seeking to negotiate with the US State Department over the Soviet-Soviet and Soviet-American disputes.

GEISHA GIRLS THREATEN TO GO ON STRIKE

Tokyo, July 13. More than 250 Geisha girls threatened to strike or "sell their bodies" unless they get more money for their "artistic services."

Japan's newest labour dispute—which some Tokyo females blame on too much democracy brought in by American occupation forces—is raging in the gay Maruyama district of this capital city.

The official demands of the Geisha girls were made public by their spokesman after an emergency meeting.

DEMANDS FORMALISED

The demands formalised the situation which began yesterday with a wildcat strike. Last night there were no Geishas in any of the 140 restaurants in the Maruyama district.

The Maruyama Geisha Union said that the girls now are getting about 75 cents an hour for twanging their three-strong sunsins, dancing, singing and entertaining the customers.

They are holding out for \$1.25 an hour.

A spokesman for the Maruyama Restaurant Owners' Association rejected their demand and pointed out that the girls in the famous Asakusa district—Tokyo's No. 1 Geisha quarter—get only a little more than \$1.25 an hour.

The spokesman said he was thinking of the public's welfare and could not think of charging enough to justify the \$1.25 wage for the Geishas.

"It would mean too big a burden on our customers," he said.

Some members of the Restaurant Owners' Association said they thought the girls had been unfair when they threatened to "sell their bodies" if they didn't get a raise.

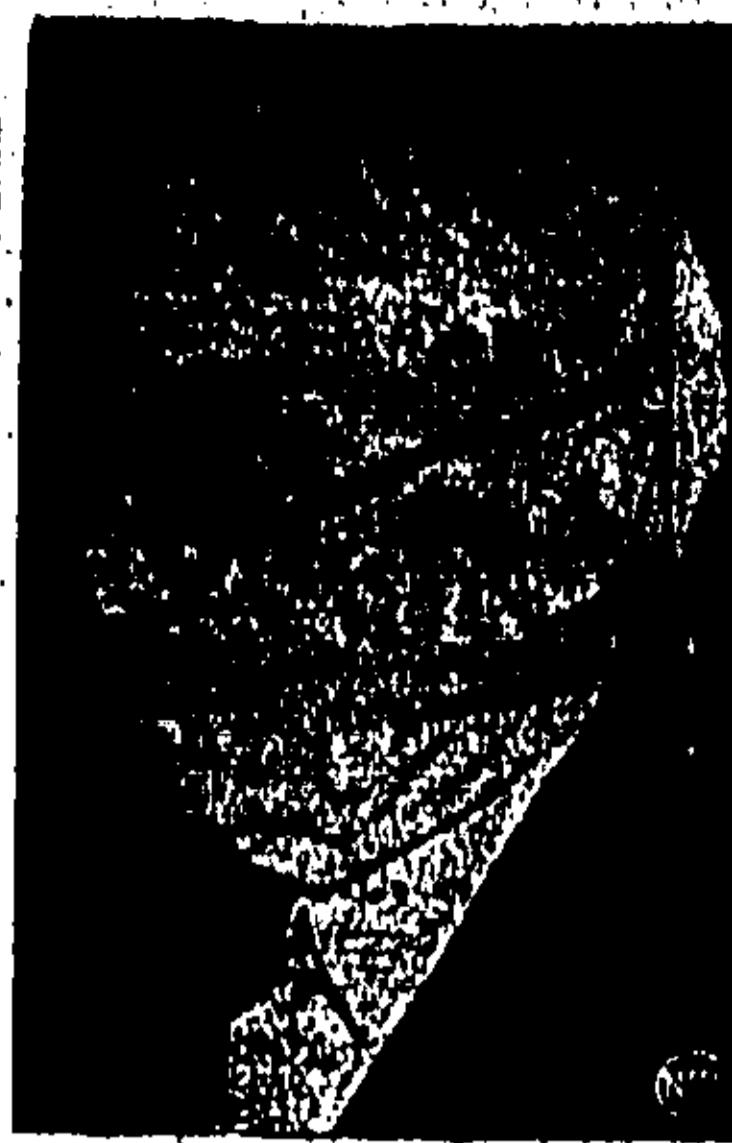
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Bernard M. Baruch

Baruch (85) Tried A Back Flip

Washington, July 13. Mr Bernard M. Baruch, 85-year-old New York financier, showed up at the White House today limping from an accident he suffered while trying to make a back dive into a swimming pool.

Mr Baruch called on President Eisenhower to chat about the coming Big Four meetings, but his swimming pool performance dominated the attention.

Easing himself gingerly into a taxi, Mr Baruch, wearing a broad-brimmed southern planter's straw hat, said, "When you are 85 don't try a back flip."

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US-German Arms Aid Discussions

Bonn, July 13. West Germany's Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and United States Ambassador James B. Conant, with their military and economic assistants, today discussed the question of US military aid to Germany.

A joint American-German statement published this evening said that the question would be studied further in all its aspects by a "country team" composed of specialists from the American Embassy. This is the procedure for aid to all member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

The statement said, however, that Germany was in a special category because it has no army at present. This complicates the question of what military material should be supplied to Germany in addition to that contained on a list which has already been turned over to the German Government for study.

The statement said the US would begin with heavy weapons—including tanks, planes and guns to West Germany. The amount to be delivered, though substantial, would represent only a small part of the total cost of German rearmament, the statement added.

Chancellor Adenauer said a German work group had been sent to negotiate with the US State and Defense Departments over the transfer of German war material.

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The Keeper of the Key...

ONE hot summer's afternoon, towards the end of the war, I had returned from lunch to my office in the British Legation at Berne. The sun-tinted Swiss air wafted caressingly through the French windows as the breeze from the River Aare rustled the leaves of a large chestnut tree on the lawn just outside.

The telephone bell rang. I reached automatically for the receiver.

"Yes?" Who is speaking, please?" I asked, sleepily. "On the outside line you never gave your own name first. A woman's voice answered in French. "Monsieur, I cannot give you my name because I know your telephone wires are tapped. Can I speak at once to the Military Attaché?" He was out, so I replied, "No! But I can speak for him. What do you want?"

"An important person wishes to speak to you. If you can see her at once, she will be with you in five minutes. Otherwise it is no good. Your doors are watched. Men will be tipped off and she will be followed."

A visitor

"Let her come at once," I said, and replaced the receiver. I lifted my internal telephone. "Is that the messenger? Good! Listen, Sandy. I'm expecting a female visitor within five minutes. Let her in and shut the door again immediately. Put her in the interview room. Give her the once over and report to me."

I banged down the receiver. "Hello!" I thought, "another lunch undgested!"

After years of this sort of thing we should have been used to it, but every time it seemed to be different. I sat rummaging on the flap which would soon begin.

A loud knock on the door brought me together with a jerk. "Come in, Sandy," I shouted. "Sir, did you say you were expecting a female? Lummel she's an Amazon then. Six foot, broad to match, and got a huge black moustache."

I gasped, then—recovering myself—asked, "Likely to be armed, do you think?"

"Wouldn't know with this one," replied Sandy. "He—sorry, I sat down in the shadow as I spoke and tried to weigh up my

"Sit down, please," I said, indicating a chair facing the window. "Excuse me if I ask you to keep your hands upon the table. We have some interesting visitors in wartime. Of course, your credentials are supravital!" La politesse française smoothed out the irony.

"I must ask you kindly to explain the purpose of this visit."

"I sat down in the shadow as I spoke and tried to weigh up my

"I leapt from my chair, not with delight at the news but because his hand shot inside his breast pocket...."

"Written by Reid of Colditz fame, this spy tale could be FACT or FICTION. But whether it really happened is for you to decide. The answer will be published tomorrow."

sir, I mean she (he apologized) visitor while a torrent of words, perfumed with garlic, flowed from his mobile lips.

"In a word," he concluded, "I have the plans of Hitler's second secret weapon—straight from Posenmunde!"

"All right," I said. "I'll leave the interview room door slightly ajar, Sandy. Keep within earshot."

He followed me down the corridor towards the entrance hall, then, opening the door of the interview room, stood aside to let me pass. My thoughts were in a jumble. I had forgotten my notebook in my nervousness.

I faced the stranger. This was no woman! Here was an enormous Slav, judging by his looks. He flashed a wide grin at me as he appreciated my obvious discomfiture.

"Forgive me," he said, speaking French, "but as your telephones are tapped I thought it better to deceive the enemy. They are close on my trail!"

This was red-hot stuff. As an engineer I did not have to hesitate. If it was a "plant" it was far beyond the scope of our Legation in Switzerland to prove it. I began to ask for some explanation. "There are no microphones in this room," I assured him.

"Do not ask me questions," he replied. "I am Polish. Tell them only in London that 'Chopin' has composed his Masterpiece." Many have died for these papers, and more will die—so, if you please, treat them with the respect they deserve. England came to our help in 1939. Now we try to repay our debt. This weapon of Hitler's can destroy London completely. You must waste no time. Nor must I....

With that he rose, clicked his heels and bowed, "Adieu, Captain!" The thought flashed through my mind, "How does he know I'm a captain, when I'm dressed in civvies?"

He said, "I'll send off a personal cipher now, to warn them to stand by and to check the informer's credentials. You can be sure, gentlemen."

We fled out of the room as the Minister walked through the



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I saw him to the door and we shook hands. He hurried away without looking back.

Then the fun began. Inside telephone lines buzzed and the switchboard leads chattered. Within ten minutes there was a conference in the Minister's room.

"Reid, what have you done with the key of my safe?" came the Minister's voice.

He was seated at his heavy walnut desk near the open French windows. Beyond was the shade-draped lawn.

"I put it down on your desk, sir, beside the red book," I answered.

"It's not there any more," he said, darkly.

I was shaken.

safe lock must now also be considered as broken. What a dreadful mess! Of course, the documents must go, none the less. But I will have to report the incident. A guard roster will have to be prepared immediately." He turned to the Counsellor.

A fake?

"All diplomatic personnel on the staff will have to take turns to remain in the cipher office until further notice. Take everything from my safe to the cipher room, too."

Sun-streaked

"Recall the meeting, at once," he said. His receiver went dead. Once more we assembled in the sun-streaked office.

All the motions of the previous

meeting were recapitulated. I had a positive, visual recollection of placing the key—a chromium steel one, three inches long, upon the table. We searched the room thoroughly, desks, chairs, cupboards, carpets, and our own pockets, but without success.

Suddenly, the Minister said,

"Reid, did you say a female

telephoned you in the first place about the Pole?"

"Yes."

"Hm! A woman passed this

office window just as we finished the meeting. I thought it was my wife, Marjorie," he said, addressing his secretary, "ring through to my wife and ask her if she was in the garden a few minutes ago."

A pause

"Chopin, indeed!" I muttered

angrily to myself, bending over

my shoes to undo the laces. Sleepily, I fumbled as one shoe lace knotted itself more firmly with every pull. I sat on the side of my bed and kicked one leg over the other knee to attack the knot at close quarters.

There was a sudden gleam from my trouser turn-up, a gentle thud on the carpet—and I looked down at the Minister's key.

I have seen Burdett at the

United Nations headquarters,

from which he has made some

brilliant broadcasts, several

times. He is handsome, gifted,

but looks older than his 41

years.

His sensational story to the

Internal Security Sub-Com-

mittee told of the war cor-

respondent (Burdett, himself)

actually on a spying mission

for Russia, mysterious contacts,

including the tall man with one

glove, waiting on a street cor-

ner, the intricate apparatus for

passing information, the sinister

woman called "Madame," the

trail across Europe into Persia,

the wife murdered to seal her

mouth for ever.

There is little doubt that

Winston Burdett's story is true.

Back in 1937, when he was on

the Brooklyn Eagle, he became

a Communist, went to Europe

as a Soviet spy. In February

1940, and acted as part of the

Communist machine until March

1942.

Today, Burdett is being

praised by some as "a former

Communist, but now a true

American who has performed a

great service to the crusade

against Communism."

We are also being told: "This

is the way to atonement," and

that Burdett "has come clean."

I cannot help commenting that

it has taken Mr Burdett a long

time to come clean. He did not

tell his story to the Federal

Commissioners.

Prices continue to go up here

also, but the boom is so buoyant

that wages can meet them.

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Henry Ford II, just now is

outbidding all industrialists in

fancy salaries. When he signed

his annual guaranteed wage

with Walter Reuther's union he

started a trend. General Motors

reluctantly capitulated to the

union and now the steel com-

panies have bowed to the steel

workers.

British officers and their wives

in Germany scarcely ever speak

to a German, except the boiler

men on the servants, from the

time they arrive in the country

to the moment they leave.

One British wife asked me:

"Tell me, is there such a thing

as a German postal service, as

we have in Britain?" Poor

woman, she believed the only

post in Germany was run by the

British Army for the troops.

Germans, she thought, didn't

write letters, or may be she

imagined they sent their mail

by carrier pigeon.

Yes, the Army's fraying days

in Germany are over. The crazy

degeneracy of a land just

emerging from war and Nazism,

with the people around him the

people whom he ought to know

and who are now theoretically

his Allies.

By screening them against the

army, the British military

authorities are encouraging

them to leave Germany.

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Wimbledon Needs Personalities And Punch

Says ERIC NICHOLLS

The little man with the multi-coloured bow tie bit deeper into his fat cigar and drawled through the corner of his mouth: "It sure has been a disappointing fortnight."

It was the last day of Wimbledon. Already the courts were being covered with giant tarpaulins. Soon the head groundsman and his staff would begin the long job ahead of preparing the courts for next year's session of the world's premier tennis tournament.

The man with the bow tie was an American. You would have thought he would have been satisfied. For hadn't a fellow countryman and woman captured the major titles this year?

Yet, in many ways, he expressed the feelings of us all.

It was a disappointing Wimbledon. There was plenty of good tennis. But very few matches could be labelled championship class.

Gladiators were few, and with the odd exception the big boys marched through their respective events without encountering many obstacles.

IN SHORT SUPPLY

Personalities—in short supply—came and went in the early rounds. Darlene Hard, the 19-year-old Californian Miss with the infectious smile stayed to cheer us until the semi-finals of the singles and doubles. But for

the rest it was the same serious faces.

There was the Australian brigade, for whom raising an eyebrow appeared to be an effort. There were the Americans whose tennis abilities were never in doubt, but who, with the exception of artful Art Larsen, hardly raised a smile between them.

We were treated to the usual antics from laughing boy Freddie Huber, quite justifiably named the "Dunny Raye" of Wimbledon. And before she clung into prim and proper shorts, we had brief glimpses of pink petticoat and lace panties in "Gorgeous Gussie" style, worn by Len Percol of Italy.

But that's as far as glamour went.

Sport is a serious business. Even the allegedly amateur sport on Wimbledon's lush green courts requires tremendous con-

centration. But, oh, how we would love to see a few more Darlene Hardas. As a tennis player, Darlene has a lot to learn. But when it comes to entertaining a 17,000 crowd packed into Wimbledon's Centre Court, she has no betters.

When she is not fixing her hair, she is bounding about the court like a 12-year-old schoolgirl. She jumps with joy after a particularly brilliant shot has scored a point. She kisses her racket, gives her thigh a determined slap, or lets out a high pitched girlish yelp when she fails to reach a ball.

Even in defeat this "darling of Wimbledon" smiles.

WORTHY CHAMPION

Despite his one-sided final, Trabert is a worthy Champion. To get through a tournament like Wimbledon without dropping a set is a fine achievement.

Where will he go now? The professional net is cast. Sooner or later Trabert will take the plunge. Of that I feel certain.

After all he has crossed his last hurdle by winning Wimbledon. But how soon remains to be seen. Trabert says he will wait until after the Davis Cup round and American Championships in September before making such a move.

Presuming Trabert turns professional and with most of the older brigade such as Jaroslav Drobny, Doris Hart, Budge Patty, four times Women's Champion Louise Brough, nearing the end of their reign, the young Australians have every chance to take over next year.

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... a most welcome handbook for ornithologists resident or stationed in Hong Kong. All the hitherto recorded species are included; plumages are clearly and concisely described, and a short account is given of field characters, voice, habits, status, etc. The illustrations, except for three plates of photographs, are all by Cdr. A. M. Hughes, and include plates of the heads of 42 species and many useful drawings in the text. The writer of this review would have benefited greatly from this book when stationed in Hong Kong some years ago. Even now, on referring to it, some 40 unfamiliar species on which notes were made at the time have almost all proved easily identifiable. D. W. S.

(Extract from "The Bird Catalogue of the British Museum").

S. C. M. POST
HONG KONG KOWLOONBUTTER SMUGGLERS USE PLANES
Belgians Increase
Holland
Border Patrol

Brussels, July 13.

Belgium's "butter-war" is again becoming active along the country's north-east frontier as police clash almost daily with smugglers in an attempt to stop the illicit traffic.

They have recently used everything from aircraft to horse-drawn carts to get cheap Dutch butter across the frontier.

Aircraft are the smugglers' latest innovation, of which police were unexpectedly made aware recently. Inhabitants of Ghent were woken one night by the sound, low overhead, of a light tourist plane which circled for several minutes before force-landing in a field.

Three Dutchmen stepped out uninjured as local policeman, warned by the noise, ran up. Peering into the plane he discovered about 600 kilograms (1,320 lbs) of butter and several dozen bottles of spirit stowed carefully away in the fuselage.

The men were arrested and the plane and its goods impounded.

ARMOURED CARS

More often the smugglers use armoured cars to crash through frontier barricades at speeds of over 80 kilometres (50 miles) per hour, hundreds of kilograms of butter ready to be sold at the Belgian market price.

Protected by armour-plating, the smugglers drive through the frontier posts under a hail of fire from police and customs officers who pursue them in cars. These pursuits have led to epic chases recently, reminiscent of the best gangster films.

One such chase had the inhabitants of a small Belgian border town running for their lives as an armoured car tore through the streets at night under fire from a police car which had chased it for more than 15 kilometres (10 miles).

The smuggler, driving with some skill as the police later admitted, suddenly saw a customs lorry trying to cut him off in front. He drove straight at the lorry which just had time to get out of the way but he himself ran into a house.

Calmly reversing his armoured car the smuggler drove back onto the road and made off again at full speed in the dark and was never seen again.

The police, however, are usually more successful in getting the booty, though the smugglers themselves frequently manage to escape by abandoning their cars.

TRAPPED

One smuggler, trapped between two police cars at night, put his lorry into first gear, turned his headlights full on, and jumped out of the vehicle.

The lorry nearly crashed into one police car whose driver was blinded by its headlights. The police, who thought the smuggler was going to give himself up, did not realize the lorry was driven until he had already escaped over the fields.

The smugglers very often spread the road behind them with nails in an attempt to cut off pursuit.

Police have on more than one occasion found a blood-stained and bullet-riddled armoured car abandoned near a road. The driver had usually managed to get out of the car and hide with the numerous "friends" who care for them in secret hideouts along the border.

Butter-smuggling is not only on a large scale, but is highly organized. Police state that in some small border villages efficient "look-out" services give warning of the approach of flying squads which now patrol the frontier day and night.

As much Dutch butter is probably smuggled into Belgium by people crossing the frontier on foot as is brought by the more sensational way by armoured car and plane.

IN FLOWERS

Customs officers searching people crossing the border discovered 10 kilograms (about 22 lbs) of butter hidden in a pot of chrysanthemums, which a "widow" was taking to place on her husband's grave across the frontier.

Several "pregnant" women have been arrested recently and obliged to surrender anything up to 10 kilograms (nearly 40 lbs) of butter when stripped.

The traffic is highly profitable as many small border villages benefit. Humble cot-

"TEDDY BOY"
ACTIVITIES

London, July 13.

Police chiefs have ordered a complete report on the activities of the capital's gang of "teddy boys," many of whom rove the streets looking for trouble.

Senior local officers have been asked to send in detailed accounts of the situation in all districts of the metropolis.

An overall report will then be drawn up and sent to the Home Office.

A question about teddy boy incidents is to be asked in the House of Commons next week. — China Mail Special.

Wellington, July 13.

Policemen and policewomen in several New Zealand towns today confiscated books and magazines featuring crime, sex and violence.

Books seized included those of American crime writer Mickey Spillane and beauty and physical magazines with pictures of nudes. — China Mail Special.

Kampala, July 13.

Four girls and two boys, aged about 10, were killed when a mud and wattle African village school house at Numan-kuma, 30 miles northeast of here, collapsed in heavy rain storm, local police reported last night. — China Mail Special.

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SOVIET STAFF OFFICERS IN PRAGUE

Vienna, July 13. The arrival in Prague of about 100 Soviet general staff officers is regarded here as the first impact on Czechoslovakia of the Warsaw treaty of friendship, co-operation and mutual assistance between the Soviet Union and her seven satellites. The treaty also provides for a joint military command, with Prague as the operational headquarters.

Increased activity of military transports to the west and south of Czechoslovakia has also been noted, according to reports reaching here. This, however, could be in consequence of the forthcoming withdrawal of Soviet occupation troops from Austria.

The entire Czechoslovak Army seemed to be in process of being completely reorganized, said the reports. All men who were earlier declared unfit for military service and are under 50 years of age, are now being medically examined again, under new and more strict regulations to determine their degree of fitness.

NOT RELEASED

At the same time most of the conscripts who should already have concluded their army service are not being released. At present military service lasts 24 months with the army and 27 months with the air force.

More and more factories are again being turned into heavy industrial enterprises after having produced consumer goods since the change of political outlook due to Stalin's death.

One of the biggest armaments factories, that at Povazske Bystrica in Slovakia, is now producing only machine guns, rifles, artillery and infantry ammunition although at the beginning of this year it was still producing agricultural machines.

The effective strength of the Czechoslovak armed forces is estimated at 270,000 men, not including frontier guards, police and other semi-military units, their reports said.

The army is divided into five corps with 15 divisions which, in the case of mobilization, could probably be enlarged to 30 divisions.

Corps headquarters are in Prague, Pilsen, Brno, Bratislava, and Kosice.

The army's counter intelligence headquarters, headed by General Radek, is said to be situated in Brno.

AT LEAST FOUR

At least four divisions are reported to be concentrated along the Czech-Austrian frontier with their headquarters in Brno, Znojmo, Brno and Bratislava. The seats of the other 11 divisions were said to be in Klatovy, Pilsen, Karlovy Vary (Karlsbad), Milovice, Prague, Olomouc, Kromeriz, Opava, Trenice, Banska, Bystrica and Kosice.

There is a tank division stationed in the area of Olomouc under the direct command of the army headquarters.

It is pointed out that while most of the units are stationed in the western and southern regions of the country, the East German frontier is almost free of troops.

The army is said to be equipped with 700 tanks, 600 of them of the type T 43 which is similar to the type T 34 but has better armour. The T 43 tanks are produced in Czechoslovakia under Russian license. The others are Stalin III type tanks which are equal in tonnage to the former German Tiger type.

The air force has four divisions with about 25,000 men. It is equipped with about 1,000 planes, 400 of them MIG 15 fighters, 200 of the IL 10 type, 100 transport and 100 army co-operation and reconnaissance planes. Some are stationed on Stevsky airfields as reserves.

Most of the air force's operational bases are in the Czech provinces of Bohemia and Moravia, while there are some scattered bases in Slovakia, such as at Preslav and Malacky.

ATOMIC WEAPONS

The reports did not say whether Czechoslovakia also had atomic weapons. It was, however, stressed that atomic cannons had been used during manoeuvres of Polish, Czech and Russian troops in the Carpathian mountains.

Rudo Pravo, the chief Czech Communist newspaper, recently stressed that Czechoslovakia's military position had greatly improved in the past 17 years. Whereas in 1938 the country's frontiers for 3,010 kilometres (2,430 miles) bordered "hostile" States, there were now only 350 kilometres (220 miles) "lying open" as they bordered West Germany. Some 2,715 kilometres (1,700 miles) of Czech frontiers today bordered countries which signed the Warsaw treaties on May 14 this year, end through Austria's declaration of neutrality another 570 kilometres (350 miles) were safeguarded, said the paper.

Whereas in 1938 the Soviet Union did not border Czechoslovakia at all, Russian troops could today come to the rescue immediately as the two countries had 100 kilometres (62 miles) of joint frontiers.

"Never before have we had such favourable frontiers. And never before have we been so strong," Rudo Pravo claimed.—*China Mail Special*

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

US COTTON MILLS ALARMED

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, July 13. Stocks cracked a point in a late shakeout today which slashed well over \$1,000,000 from the value of all listed shares.

The decline hit hardest at recent favourites, particularly the so-called stock split candidates.

Enthusiasm for these issues was

damaged when Sears Roebuck

directors failed to declare a split yesterday, and when Procter and Gamble directors ordered only the usual dividend.

Today's loss, measured by the averages, approached 1% in

the Thursday shakeout last week. Industrials slumped 5.57 points; rails, 1.52 and utilities dipped just 0.02.

Weighing heavily on the average were losses of 6.5 points in DuPont, 2% in All Chemical; 2% in Bethlehem Steel, a point in US Steel; 2% in Sears; 1% Procter and Gamble; 2% each in Jersey Standard and Standard of California; 2% in Texas Co.; a point in General Motors.

While the majority of losses were small, the decline took in most issues. Of 1,178 appearing on the tape, 690 were lower, only 286 were higher.

There were a few strong tops, however. American Toffee continued in demand, adding another 1.5% points. Overland Glass climbed nearly 2 and Evans Products nearly 3 points.

The decline was tempered, too, by lighter volume with turnover totalling 2,300,000, lightest so far this month, compared with 2,630,000 yesterday.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$4,540,000. American Stock Exchange volume was 800,000 shares.

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Anxiety over low-cost Japanese cotton goods has clouded the traditional vacation period of American mill workers and spurred fears that Japan has won the long battle for the American market, a statement from the American Textiles Mills Information Service said.

"Top men in the industry view with astonishment and despair the outcome of the tariff concessions to Japan by the US State Department at Geneva," the statement added.

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THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1955.

HK Journalists Fly To The Philippines And Find-

Manila, City Of Contrasts And Vivid Colour

After a two-hour flight from Hongkong on Cathay Pacific Airways' new "magic carpet" the Douglas DC-6 we saw a part of the Philippine Islands spread out beneath us like a huge map. And suddenly I was aware of a new rhythm around me like a rumba or a mambo—a compelling tempo which reached from its shores like radio waves.

There were eight of us, representatives of newspapers in Hongkong, who were guests of CPA for three days in Manila on a visit which marked the inauguration of their DC-6 schedule, the fastest flight on the Hongkong-Manila run.

None of us had been to Manila before. We found it as gay and as effervescent as the hundred and one types of carbonated soft drinks which the Filipinos take like water.

Manila is a city of extremes, of wealth and poverty, beauty and squalor, modernity and antiquity, top speed and snail's pace, old world and new world. It is a city of sadder contrasts too, much like the temperament of the people.

Our Filipino guide spoke with emotion when he showed us a blackened godown, the death chamber of several hundreds of his compatriots burned to death by the Japanese just before they surrendered Manila City in 1945.

Pride it the face of the old curator of the near-by Rizal Shrine, as he gave us the life of his country's greatest hero, Jose Rizal, the first to resist Spanish rule. Relics here included practically everything Rizal had used, his hat, pen, pots and pans and also articles of furniture, I noticed, he had used in Hongkong.

Fort Santiago which is in this area of the old walled City, called Intramuros, was once the seat of Spanish and American colonial military power, and later was the scene of Japanese atrocities. It is now a national shrine and the site of a memorial to the Unknown Soldier.

At night mobile neon lights are cartoons in themselves.

One of the most striking impressions we gained there was of the might of the pen. In Manila there is unlimited freedom of the Press. When a newspaper thinks the President ought to sack one or two of his officers, it says so in unmistakable terms. A member of the visiting Moral Rearmament group was described as "large, burly and black as night." I quote from society chatter in one paper: "The Andrews are heir-conditioning for the middle of August."

**THE MAGICAL
STONE CHURCH**

Intramuros was founded by the Spaniards in 1571 and is now mostly in ruins. The remains of elaborate Spanish architecture may be seen in the old churches. One of its most remarkable buildings is San Agustin, the oldest stone church in the Far East, with its gigantic oil paintings, exquisite wrought-iron gates and sombre basement vault where the remains of the rich faithful have been buried for hundreds of years. The incessant chants of priests at prayer pervaded the whole building when we were there.

But much of war damage is still evident in Manila. Commercial buildings have not been going up at anything like the rate they have in Hongkong, although public buildings, like state offices, schools and universities are most impressive. The kindness we received in Hongkong," they told me. An official invited me off the plane first and I was greeted with a corsage of orchids by a charming Filipina in national costume. The men were given cigars. Our passports were examined with all speed and our baggage passed without search after we had nothing to declare. All eight of us were away within 15 minutes. (The same time it took us to go through Customs and Immigration in Hongkong).

Talking of the Customs, there was a world of difference between arrival and departure. When we landed at Manila airport, they dispensed with formalities "in reciprocation of the kindness we received in Hongkong," they told me. An official invited me off the plane first and I was greeted with a corsage of orchids by a charming Filipina in national costume. The men were given cigars.

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On the return journey, there was a complete volte-face. It took an hour to get through Manila Customs, Immigration and Currency Control. No one asked whether we had "anything to declare. They just went through each piece of luggage peering into shoes, knocking the bottom off cardboard boxes until they came upon the Press Pass. Quite suddenly our bags were snatched and they were passed back to us immediately with reverent care. But for the others without the badge the search continued.

**INTENSE
NATIONALISM**

Another strong impression I gained was of the intense nationalism of the Filipinos and the widespread popularity of President Ramon Magsaysay.

They attribute the victory over Communist elements to the President's firm stand and they say he has become a man of

By
Staff Reporter
Beatrice Greaves

hind. This stirred it into action again and we went our respective ways. The jeep-buses are converted private jeeps. They seat about eleven persons and the charge is ten centavos for anywhere along the way. That there are not many accidents is a tribute to the canny manipulations of the drivers. Small wonder that every jeep I have seen carries a Holy picture, a Rosary or an invocation like "The Salts protect us!"

The drive through provinces out in the countryside is most relaxing—even at 80 m.p.h. for there are miles and miles of smooth straight roads with hardly a turn. On the way to Tagaytay we passed through scenic rice fields, coconut groves, papaya orchards and bamboo thickets. At these coconut plantations they climb up the trees to fetch fresh fruit to quench your thirst. It's quite an art to carve it so that not a drop of milk is split. The top husk is hacked off at one end to expose a white dome of coconut, so tender, you can poke a straw through it to sip its cool milk.

MODERN RURAL SCHOOLS

After an hour's drive or so we reached Tagaytay, a ridge of some 2,600 feet above sea level. The scenery here is breathtaking with the Taal Volcano in the midst of a steaming Taal Lake and the China Sea beyond.

In the rural areas where peasants live in primitive huts of straw built on piles, we found several bright, modern school-buildings with playgrounds. All along the road were peasant children returning home from school. A great store is set by education in the Philippines. Universities abound, and they say that each year doctors, lawyers, engineers and other professional men are turned out in thousands. Medical and legal fees are cheaper than in Hongkong; medical drugs, like penicillin, are also cheap because they are manufactured in the country itself. In fact competition is so great that it is permissible, and indeed quite common, for these professional men to advertise their talents in the local newspapers.

The people of Manila are very polite and extremely charming. Every one, even the humblest peddler, speaks some English. The girls, telephone operators, hotel boys and restaurant waiters we found very respectful and helpful.

EXTRAORDINARILY ARTISTIC

Filipina women are extraordinarily artistic. There are many fashion schools in Manila, and in almost every street is to be found dress-making shops where young girls fashion the most delightfully embroidered gowns with a sewing-machine. This type of work is less expensive than in Hongkong.

Our hotel was air-conditioned and very comfortable; also extremely germ-conscious. I spent some time breaking seals—white paper strips stamped "Sterilised" in red which were taped over some of the bathroom facilities.

CONTRASTING THOROUGHFARES

The main roads in Manila, lined with shady trees and grass kerbs, are wider, straighter and more picturesque than ours in Hongkong, but the side-streets are muddy and in ill-repair. Traffic, which is on the right-hand side of the road, is chaotic. Luxurious limousines, the latest in Buicks and Cadillacs, rub shoulders with buses, taxis, jeeps and colones and, except for places controlled by traffic lights, the slogan for driving might well be "May the best man win." We were on one of the jeeps one day when another, jeep in a very busy street, like a bull, our driver accelerated and rammed the vehicle, from be-

There are many forms of recreation in Manila. Apart from the very modern theatres, jai-alai and amusement centres, there is a string of night clubs along the seafront a little distance from town. In cool surroundings they provide a very pleasant atmosphere. Dance music is excellent and as one reporter remarked "They sing as if they are enjoying it and not as though they have to do it for money." Everyone in Manila dances several variations of the mambo. To watch the customers dancing on any night is a treat in itself. Elderly couples frequent these places and enjoy themselves as much as their children do. Floor shows are lively. When we were there we had a Calypso couple from America who went round the tables making up ditties about the club's clientele. They had a song and dance about C.P.A., too.

HONGKONG CUISINE EXCELS

As for the food in Manila, I think that apart from their jucious tropical fruits and exciting soda-fountain products, the Hongkong cuisine excels. Most of the cooking there is done with coconut oil. The lightest hostess strongly recommended trying all their ice-creams. I ate as many as I could—mango, coconut, yam, besides the usual flavours and I found them delicious. I also tried the milk. Very rich, it comes from a kind of water-buffalo called the carabao. There is a ban on the slaughter of this very useful animal, which also works on the fields. An exemption from this ban must come from President Magsaysay.

The weather was what surprised me most of all. Maybe we were lucky but it was certainly not as unbearable as we had been led to believe. It was scorching under the noonday sun, of course, but in the shade or within buildings there was always a cool breeze while in the evenings it was cool enough to wear a light cardigan. As a matter of fact we seemed to have returned to Hongkong on a particularly stifling day and found it less comfortable than Manila.

But in spite of the weather—we never had so much rain in Manila either—and in spite of the less imaginative ice-cream creations, as the DC-6 gilded down to Kai Tak last week all of us were agreed

"There's no place like home."

**West's Fear
Of Diem's
Proposal**

Washington, July 14. The Vietnam government is studying a proposal to bypass the Indo-China armistice agreement by suggesting United Nations supervision for nationwide elections with North Vietnam, usually well informed sources said here today.

The South Vietnamese Premier, Mr. Ngo Dinh Diem, is said to feel that the agreement does not protect his nation against the danger that the Vietnamese will win a general election by trickery and illegal ballot.

Authoritative sources here

confirmed today that the Big Three Western powers were advising Mr. Diem to honour the election provisions of the armistice and to agree to open preliminary talks with North Vietnam next week to plan for the balloting.

DIEM'S ATTITUDE

Mr. Diem claims that as his nation did not sign the Indo-China agreement he would not be breaking faith by refusing to go ahead.

But fears are being expressed in Western capitals and in Washington, that without Mr. Diem's co-operation the Soviet Union will embarrass the United States, Britain and France at the Big Four heads of government conference opening at Geneva on Monday.

The Big Three Western foreign ministers plan to discuss tomorrow when they meet in Geneva to co-ordinate their approach to the Geneva conference.

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"Now isn't that just the grandest store! This bill says 'final notice'!"

ALLEGED FRAUD

Identification Of Accused Described

Evidence of identification and the arrest of the accused in the case in which Joe Francis Gerver, 39, is charged with obtaining cheques by false pretences was given before Judge J. Reynolds at the Victoria District Court this morning.

Represented by Mr. Y. H. Chan of Messrs Lau, Chan and Koo, Gerver is charged with obtaining, on December 24 last year, with intent to defraud from J. Kundan and Co., a cheque to the value of \$2,000 by pretending, together with one M. Mirchumal Hotwani, that he was the proprietor of a firm called the Swan Garment Factory which manufactured rayon jackets.

An ambulance was called. In a police car patrolling streets above, a voice reached through the radio static, "Go to the station," it said.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Samaritan In Trouble

FAR below the West End streets, there was sudden drama. As a train drew into the platform of an Underground station, a man fell in front of it.

The train shivered to a sudden, jolting, noisy stop. People screamed. All seemed for a moment to be torn apart. Then, those first confused moments, the whole apparatus for bringing succour to the victim slipped efficiently into action.

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MOVE BACK, PLEASE

BEFORE the car had properly stopped at the Underground station, two policemen had tumbled out and were running towards the downards escalator. "There's a doctor there, already," someone called to them.

On the platform, the policeman found a crowd circling the doctor who knelt over the injured man, doing what he could. "Move back now, move back," the policemen ordered. The crowds obeyed, almost guiltily, as if ashamed of their curiosity. All but one of the crowd obeyed: he, a lean, curly-haired dark man, still hung close above the doctor.

"Will you please move away," said one of the policemen, who was breathless and wearing a civilian mackintosh over his uniform.

OH, SHUT UP

"WHY don't you go and get an ambulance, instead of telling people to move?" the man demanded, urgency in his Irish voice.

"There's an ambulance coming," the policeman said, and began again to shoo away the crowd. "Did anybody witness this?" he asked.

"For heaven's sake why bother who saw it, get an ambulance," the Irishman called. He would not let the policeman get on with his job of finding witnesses.

Insp. Hui testified that he saw the accused on March 19 and search warrants were executed at the accused's home at No. 11, Old Bailey Street, second floor, and two other places where various documents were seized. The accused was arrested on the same day and, following an identification parade on March 21, he was charged with conspiracy to cheat and defraud.

But in the major British contribution to the debate, the former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, reported that if M. Moch might be the response of the West should be the same.

Mr. Gaitskell also clashed with the Secretary-General of the French Socialist Party, M. Guy Mollet, to the rostrum, to deny that either he or M. Moch had had an analysis of Russian motives, a "waste of time."

What they had said, he declared, was that they could not be sure of the answer and that "whatever it really was, the duty of the West remained the same."

M. Moch reiterated the views of French Socialists that "the problems of disarmament must form the centre of the Geneva four-power conference"—Reuter.

SIGNIFICANT COINCIDENCE

Mr. Gaitskell said it was significant that the recent improvement in Russia's attitude had coincided with the carrying out of Western defence policy.

He added: "Our French and German comrades will forgive me if I say that they must concede that ratification of the Paris agreements did not have the effect on Russian policy which they feared."

Mr. Gaitskell also clashed with the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, on two other points. The French statesman had urged the West at Geneva not to raise the question of free elections in the Soviet satellite states.

Mr. Gaitskell retorted: "If the Russians press for the removal of foreign troops, we would be entitled to say that the Russians should clear out of the satellite."

On May 8, Insp. Hui testified, he went with Mr. Chorpa to the No. 1 Godown of Kowloon Wharves and Godowns and took possession of 18 cases. The cases were opened on July 2 in the presence of seven Prosecution witnesses and were found to contain three sacks of crude salt each.

"Listen," said Peter, "I was there when this happened. There were a lot of women and girls on the platform. I was trying to tell them 'Don't look.'

"I didn't know this was a policeman. I thought he was a railwayman, for I just saw the mackintosh and the buttons."

TRYING TO HELP

BUT the second policeman had worn a helmet and no mackintosh. He corroborated most of what the first had said. "All I want to say," Peter said, "is that all I was doing I was trying to do to help the injured man. I wasn't thinking of myself at all. I was more concerned with him. I just wanted to help."

"I think you were obstructing this officer," the magistrate said. "You must pay a fine of 20."

Peter sighed and shrugged and went over to pay in cash the cost of the help he had tried to give. Another man paid, with two pennies, after giving more positive help on the road from Jerusalem to Jarrow, long ago.

**Small Sessions
Calendar**

Only two cases are scheduled in the July Criminal Sessions which start tomorrow in the Supreme Court.

The two accused who will be tried for false pretences are Justice J. Wilson and Mr. J. Wilson, both of whom are charged with having sold a book which contained a forged signature.

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